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DRAFT AMENDMENT TO CRIMINAL CODE

1) Every one who advocates or promotes genocide is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for five years.
2) Every one who, by communicating statements in any public place, incites hatred or contempt against any identifiable group, where such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace, is guilty of
   (a) an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years, or
   (b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.
3) Every one who, by communicating statements wilfully promotes hatred or contempt against any identifiable group is guilty of
   (a) an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years, or
   (b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.
4) No person shall be convicted of an offence under sub-section 3
   (a) where he proves that the statements communicated were true, or
   (b) where he proves that they were relevant to any subject of public interest, the public discussion of which was for the public benefit, and that on reasonable grounds he believed them to be true.
5) In this section
   (a) "Genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy in whole or in part, any identifiable group:
      (i) killing members of a group
      (ii) deliberately inflicting on such a group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction.
      (iii) deliberately imposing measures intended to prevent births within such a group.
   (b) "Public place" includes any place to which the public have access as of right or by invitation, expressed or implied.
   (c) "Identifiable group" means any section of the public distinguished by religion, colour, race, language ethnic or national origin.
   (d) "Statements" include words either spoken or written, gestures, signs or other visible representations.

Man Of The Hour

His Committee demands action against neo-nazis: Dr. Maxwell Cohen, Dean of Law, McGill University.

Cohen Report Out

BATTLE BEGINNING

Expect PM To Present Anti-Hate Amendments

OTTAWA. — The Cohen report and recommendations—how to amend the criminal code against the disseminators of hate in this country —are out. But the battle just begins, according to experts in the House of Commons.

The committee, which includes leading Canadians of different religious denominations headed by Prof. Maxwell Cohen of McGill, recommends distinctly that the Criminal Code be amended to prohibit the advocacy of genocide and the incitement to hatred or contempt in a public place of any identifiable group distinguished by religion, color, race, language, ethnic or national origin—when such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace. Also the communication of statements intended to promote hatred or contempt of any identifiable group is banned.

The so-called Cohen Committee was appointed by the former Minister of Justice Guy Favreau in January, 1965. The report was released on Monday by the Solicitor-General following special instruction by the present Minister of Justice, Lucien Cardin.

Prime Minister Pearson often stated that he would be guided in dealing with hatemongers and advocates of genocide by the recommendations of this committee. Thus it is hoped in the circles that support such legislation that the government now will present a pertinent bill to Parliament. Yet there are those already organizing opposition against such legislation. They claim, as does the Toronto Globe and Mail, that the amendments recommended by the Cohen Committee, if made law, would curtail freedom and at the same time offer bigots and neo-Nazis a platform in the courts.

The Toronto Telegram heartily endorsed the recommendations of the Cohen Committee, as did other newspapers throughout the nation. The Toronto Star sees merit in a law prohibiting advocacy of genocide but does not endorse the other Cohen recommendations.

Parliamentarians expect the full backing of the Prime Minister on this issue.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

THE WILSON ERA

The overwhelming victory of the British Labor Party in last week's parliamentary election deserves special attention—first, because it is a personal victory for Harold Wilson who carried the burden of his party since the premature passing of Hugh Gaitskell.

I stress Harold Wilson's victory because for the first time in British history the leader of the Labor party really is running the show.

When Ramsay MacDonald gave Britain its first Labor government, it had become clear that the world was dealing with a man who, no matter how brilliant, still was a leader without the backbone and stamina expected from one committed to transform England into a Socialist society. Instead, MacDonald, as history records it, became a turncoat. In lieu of transforming a colonialist Britain into a modern democracy, he went down in the annals of modern times as a typical British Empire defender.

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Jews remember him especially for the MacDonald White Paper which curtailed the high hopes of many in the Labor government at a time when misery and oppression in Eastern Europe could have been relieved by a liberal immigration policy into Palestine. Had MacDonald, during both his cabinets, lived up to Britain's commitment in the Holy Land, perhaps fewer Jews would have remained for Hitler to exterminate.

The same, and in sharper words, can be said about the first Labor post-World War II government when Clement Atlee as prime minister actually had allowed Ernest Bevin to run the affairs of the nation. What Bevin accomplished during his tenure of office we vividly remember. His obviously was the darkest chapter in English-Jewish relations.

Thus the first two Labor governments in Britain's history have left Jews with only the remembrance of deepest disappointment and pain.

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Not so Harold Wilson. From a general point of view, the present British prime minister surprised the world with his fortitude and determination to govern despite the smallest majority in the history of any British regime. He declared, upon many an occasion, that he intended to ignore the small majority and govern as though he were backed by a substantial number in parliament—and he did.

He fulfilled the duty of one elected to conduct the affairs of Great Britain. Moreover, in the specific area of our interest in the Middle East, Wilson's initial government was the first Labor government that did not disappoint the friends of Israel. Perhaps this too is because he honestly believes in his rendezvous with destiny, in his task to recreate the image of Britain and because of his definite leadership.

The relatively brief period in which Wilson's first cabinet administered Britain's affairs has been one of the friendliest chapters in British-Israeli rapport. In contrast to Atlee and Bevin, as well as MacDonald before them, Wilson did not make any politician's preelection promises to England's Jewish community. He conducted himself as a statesman who promises only what he intends to keep or what he believes can be accomplished.

For example, in the interview which appeared last week in The Canadian Jewish News, the leader of the Labor party stated that he is averse to the domination of the great powers in the Middle East. He clearly ascertained that he opposes "any interference by the anti-Israel boycott in the freedom of British firms ... or in British internal affairs. We resist such interference."

The Labor party leader also stated that he would support the efforts of the almost forgotten Palestine Conciliation Commission of the United Nations "to promote peace between the Arab states and Israel."

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These and other similar preelection assurances may sound very general and non-committal when one compares them to the now infamous preelection promises of Ramsay McDonald and Ernest Bevin. Yet to me they are preferable than any politician's false pledges. Wilson's explanations of British policy are realistic when one considers the actualities of our new era.

One must analyze this election eve interview in the light of Wilson's achievements in the past. He has shown leadership when he resisted successfully all leftist pressures to forsake the United States in Asia; he has been found to be a friend of the United States and Canada, and a reliable ally within the NATO organization. He visited Moscow and returned with the conviction that no appeasement would promote the true peace towards which he aspires.

Now that Harold Wilson will head the strongest Labor government in the history of Great Britain, verily one may anticipate a new world rôle for his country: a strengthening of peace in the world—whether in East Asia or the Middle East—within the framework of a stronger, consolidated Western alliance. The Atlantic Community, as it is termed, may look forward to firmer bonds between the peoples on both sides of the Atlantic.

WHY CANADA NEEDS A LAW AGAINST HATEMONGERS

The Committee's principal finding is that **while the volume and sources of hate propaganda in Canada are relatively small and geographically concentrated, a potentially dangerous problem does exist.** The Committee finds that the materials now circulating in this country are **deeply and unnecessarily hurtful to the minority groups at which they are aimed, and that they have a tendency to encourage other discriminatory social practices.**

The Committee is of the opinion that the situation is serious enough to require legislative action: "It is better to come to grips with this problem now before it attains greater proportions, rather than having to deal with it at some future date in an atmosphere of fear, emotion and crisis." (Chapter II)

In a section of the Report in which it discusses the scope of freedom of speech, the Committee observes that the case for restraints must be shown to be very strong: "If we do not maintain a society that is tolerant of vagaries and differences we shall not maintain individual freedom of expression and action; in such a situation constitutional guarantees will be of little avail."

But individual freedom is not an absolute right. Most of the Western democracies in recent years have recognized that "freedom to do what you like with your own often imposes intolerable burdens and indignities on minority groups," and have introduced laws forbidding various forms of discrimination.

"In our public discussion and settled practice, there is very little support for individual freedom as an absolute right to be protected at all costs at all times and in all circumstances. The most that can be said is that there is a strong presumption in favour of freedom of expression, stronger than in any other of the important civil liberties ...

"In every instance that is to be studied, it will be necessary to balance a variety of individual interests against a range of social and community interests. It will be necessary to ask in what degree the freedom of expression in question enriches the life of the speaker, contributes to the liberation and enlargement of other minds and encourages responsible discussion of the community interest. It will be necessary to judge whether the expression strikes at the vitals of organized society or only seeks to reshape some of its features. Even if it is designed to disrupt the society, is it likely to come close to its purpose? How vulnerable are people to the appeal? Is the social structure itself, in some peculiar and adventitious way, exposed to disrupting shock by free expression in this particular form at this particular time?" (Chapter I)

ORLIFFE: HOPE FOR ACTION

Last week Toronto's City Parks and Recreation Committee rejected the application of self-proclaimed Nazi leader, John Beattie, to hold a meeting in Allan Gardens April 17th.

Commenting on this decision, Controller Herbert Orliffe told The Canadian Jewish News that all those who are sick and tired of cranks causing riots would welcome once and for all a decision by Parliament against the dissemination of race hatred. Such legislation would liberate municipal authorities from continuous debates on this issue. It is high time that Parliament act, Mr. Orliffe told The Canadian Jewish News.

(Mayor Philip Givens is on his vacation this week. He was scheduled to spend the seder evenings in Arizona, then proceed to Mexico.)

The hearing last Thursday which led to the rejection of Beattie's application had its humorous moments. Beattie, now a seasoned agitator, made a melodramatic statement, saying, "A Nazi does not beg for his rights; he demands them."

Also Beattie told the committee that his speech would have been on the subject of "a prosperous national Socialist Germany—why not a prosperous Socialist Canada?".

Experts on neo-Nazism declared that this topic proves that Beattie has learned the technique of lying, as he dares consider the Nazi period in Germany a time of prosperity. He also "appealed" to the white Anglo-Saxon minority to rally against persecution. He said he would appeal to the courts against the city authority's decision.

On the question of whether freedom of expression would be compromised or endangered by legislative action against hate propaganda, the Committee finds:

"Issues relating to freedom of expression are not all open to the simple solutions that would have been applied to them a hundred years ago. Those who urged a century ago that men should be allowed to express themselves with utter freedom even though the heavens fell did so with great confidence that they would not fall. That degree of confidence is not open to us today. We know that, as well as individual interests, there are social interests to be protected, and these are not always protected by unrestricted individual freedom. The triumphs of Fascism in Italy and National Socialism in Germany through audaciously false propaganda have shown us how fragile tolerant liberal societies can be in certain circumstances. They have also shown us the large element of irrationality in human nature which makes people vulnerable to propaganda in times of stress and strain. Both experience and the changing circumstances of the age require us to look with great care at abuses of freedom of expression." (Chapter I)

The Committee's Report includes a thorough study of the existing state of Canadian law as well as the laws of other countries. It finds that there is no single provision or group of provisions in the Criminal Code adequate to meet the problem. The Committee also finds that most countries in Western Europe have imposed laws of one kind or another to curb hate propaganda and protect minority groups against defamation.

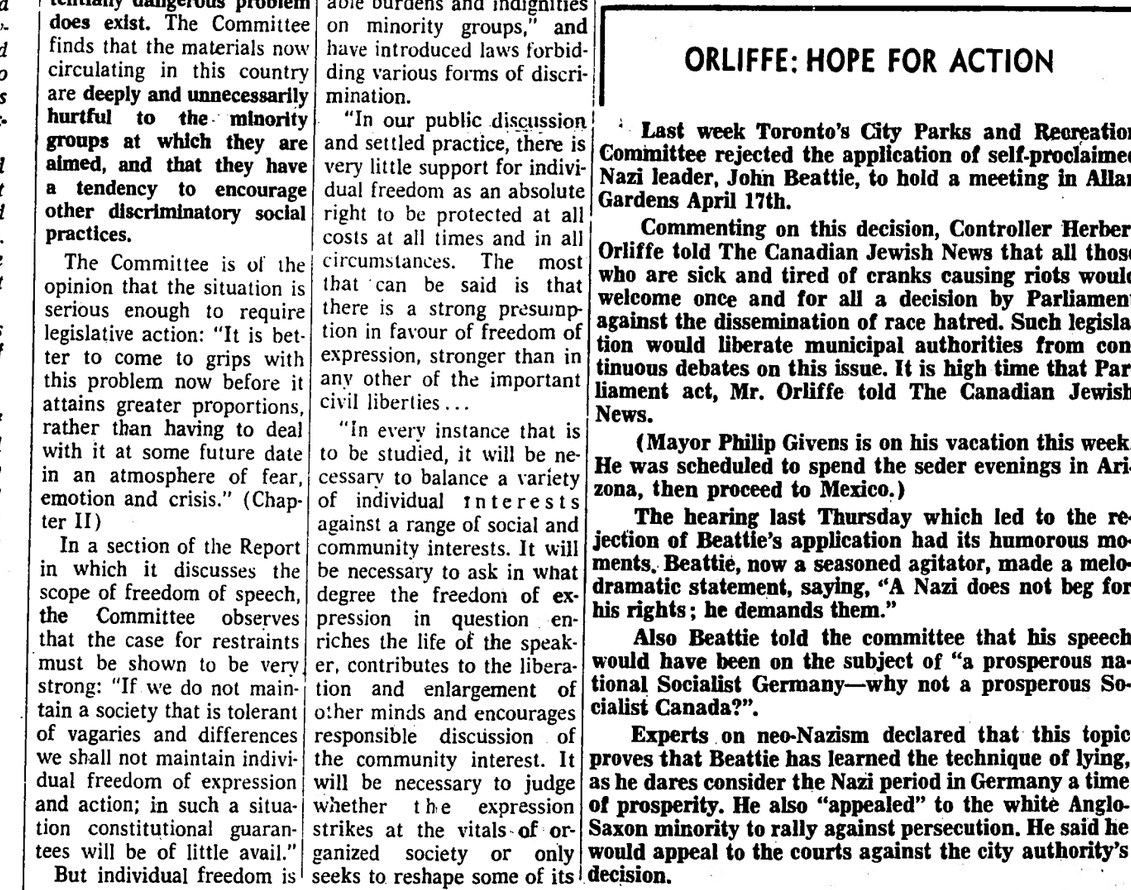
The Committee finds that Canadian law is inadequate with respect to its control of group violence and intimidation, and almost wholly lacking in any control of group defamation.

The Committee recommends that there should be Canadian legislation to prevent advocacy of genocide, although it suggests that for purposes of Canadian law the definition of genocide should be drawn somewhat more narrowly than in the international convention. (Canadian law already forbids most substantive aspects of genocide in that it prohibits homicide or murder of individuals).

As regards disturbance of the peace through incitement to hatred, the Committee finds that the gap in Canadian law today is that it does not penalize the initiating party who incites to hatred and contempt with a likelihood of violence, whether intended or not and whether violence takes place or not.

To protect legitimate freedom of expression, the Committee suggests that legislation should permit broad exceptions: It should apply only to statements communicated in a public place; statements must be such as to create hatred or contempt of an identifiable group, so that the speaker must be the author of his own misfortune and not merely the victim of a hostile crowd; the identifiable group must be clearly defined in terms of religion, colour, race, language, ethnic or national origin; and statements must be of such a character as to be likely to lead to a breach of the peace.

The principal defence against defamatory libel of individuals in the present Criminal Code is public benefit and reasonable belief in the truth of the assertion. The Committee finds that it is an insufficient protection for legitimate debate merely to allow the same defences for group defamation as for individual defamation.



Leaders of Toronto's Orthodox Synagogues discussing the plans of the United Jewish Appeal. From left to right: Louis J. E. Moses, President of Torath Emeth, Viewmount; Samuel Wortsman, veteran leader of the Eitz Chaim Schools; and Harry Botnick, a leader in the Orthodox community.

(Story on page 6).

This Issue

of The Canadian Jewish News was closed on Monday April 4th and is printed April 7th because of Passover. Thus, this issue may reach our readers a day later.

Also because of the incidence of Passover, our offices will be closed:

Monday, April 11th,
Tuesday, April 12th

The Synagogue News and other features and departments are omitted from this week's paper because of technical difficulties.

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The CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS is the only Jewish newspaper in English published in Ontario and appearing regularly 52 weeks a year. The next issue will be distributed April 15th.

RECEIVES COPY. - Lt. Col. Samuel Mor (left), of the Jewish National Fund who is seen receiving a picture of a presentation of a "Wood of 2500 Trees" in the B'nai B'rith Martyrs Forest from His Worship Philip Givens, Q.C., of Toronto.
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THE LIVELY ARTS. By D. COHN

● Lena Horne will be honored at a luncheon of the Anti-Defamation League Appeal in New York "as an example of a talent that triumphed over prejudice."

● An album of colorful paintings by an 87-year-old Tel Aviv grandmother, Sheindel Feldenkrais who began painting at 80, appears on bookshelves, as was reported by a Jerusalem Post reporter.

Israel's Grandma Moses did not attend the recent press conference for she is recuperating from a severe illness. But she will be well enough soon to resume her painting.

Mrs. Feldenkrais' art teacher, the Safed painter Zvi Shilis, described her work as belonging to the "naive" school of art. He likened it to the works of Henri Rousseau. The published collection is rich in landscapes, with a particular attention to trees, all of them imaginary, for the artist rarely leaves her home in Tel Aviv.

● Sholem Asch, Yiddish novelist, has become a "progressive writer" in the eyes of Soviet authorities. Fifty-thousand copies of one of his novels, with a selection of his short stories, will be published soon in Moscow in a Russian translation.

The volume will be published under the title, Men and Gods. It will include the novel, Mother, also, My Inspiring Love, A Guy with a Kid, The Daredevil, Men and Gods, other short stories

For almost forty years, Asch was banned and ostracized in the Soviet Union, since he visited Moscow in 1927. If his name was mentioned at all in the intervening period, it was only to be abused and denigrated.

● Hersh Osherovich of Vilna, Lithuania, a leading Soviet Jewish poet, was greeted warmly in Warsaw. It was the first time he had been allowed to travel abroad.

● Murray Schisgal's comedy, Luv, is playing in Tel Aviv. It is called, Livluv Ahva, the English equivalent of which is, Love in Bloom. Abie Nathan, who flew from Israel to Cairo on a peace mission, is co-producer with Yaakov Agmon.

● Leopold Stokowski, music director of the American Symphony Orchestra, will receive the Golden Door Award of the American Council for Nationalities Service.

The award is presented annually to an American of foreign birth who has made an outstanding contribution to United States life and culture. Stokowski, born in London, is of Polish extraction.

The award takes its name from the final line of the poem by Emma Lazarus, "I lift my lamp beside the golden door," which is inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty.

GERMANY ISRAEL TAX DEAL

BONN, (JCNS) — West Germany and Israel are to resume their economic talks here on April 27. Meanwhile, the Bundestag adopted a law covering the double taxation agreement between the two countries, which was signed nearly four years ago.

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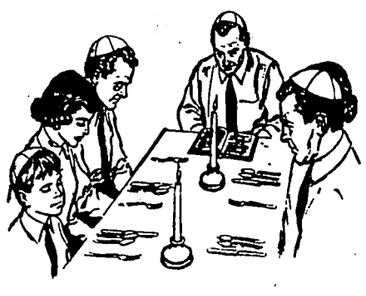

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ALL-STAR CAST

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Sir John has distinguished himself in a host of other Shakespearean roles: Romeo; Marc Antony; Macbeth; Antonio; Malvolio; Hotspur; King Lear; also in Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard, The Three Sisters and The Sea Gull.

Vivien Leigh is admired for her unforgettable stage delineations of the two Cleopatras. She has also played Ophelia to Olivier's Hamlet and has appeared in Richard III, Titus Andronicus, Twelfth Night.

Gielgud was born in London; Miss Leigh, in Darjeeling, India.

YOUNG STAR

Marilyn Lightstone, recent graduate of the National Theater School, will make her debut as Hedda in Hedda Gabler, opening at the Crest Theater on Wednesday, April 13th. She is a member of the Crest Theater Hour Company and has just completed a tour of 200 secondary schools in Ontario. Last year she appeared at the Alley Theater in Texas in several productions, her favorite being The Trojan Women.

CLOSE OF SEASON

Canadian Players' first season at Central Library Theater is coming to a close. There are five weeks for theatergoers to catch up with: The Importance of Being Earnest; The Glass Menagerie; The Departures. Cast includes Chantal Beauregard, Ken James, Mary Barton, Charles Palmer and Jennifer Phipps, headed by Rosamond Burne, Barbara Hamilton, John Horton, Irene Mayeska, Jonathan White, Paxton Whitehead.

TWENTY-FIVE WEEKS

Culminating with the Easter season, The Emperor's New Clothes, presented by Eli Rill at the Colonnade, will have played for 25 weeks. Children are so enthralled, they come to see it two and three times.

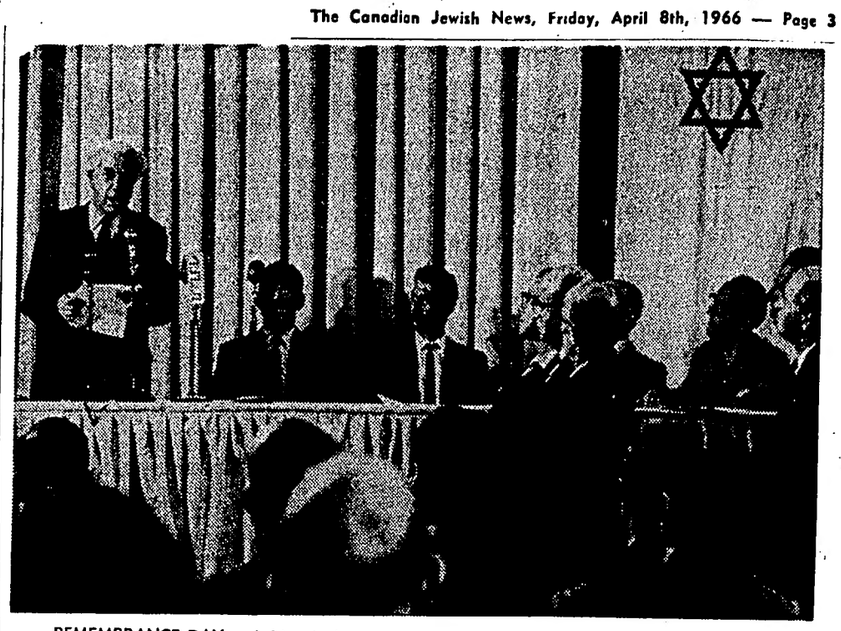
COMEDY-FOLKSINGER

Comedy-folksinger Dick Glass, all 275 pounds of him, is appearing at Castle George through Saturday, April 16th.

Dick grew up in a suburb of Troy, New York. He obtained a degree in radio and television production from Emerson College in Boston. He often entertained his fellow students with witty stories, songs and adept guitar playing.

His varied career consisted of car salesman, cab driver, commercial photographer, construction worker, writer and educational TV director, karate instructor.

In 1963 he was signed by a major talent agency and was launched into show business. He appeared at the Crystal Palace in St. Louis, New York's Bitter End and Blue Angel, Cleveland's La Cave, Toronto's The Purple Onion.



REMEMBRANCE DAY. - A historical moment reenacted in Cast a Giant Shadow in the above scene in which Jacob Zion (Luther Adler) proclaims the establishment of the State of Israel. Cast a Giant Shadow deals with the life and times of David "Mickey" Marcus, the American colonel whose exploits ranged from Normandy on D-Day to the Jerusalem front where he became the first Israeli general in 2,000 years.
The film, opening tonight, Friday, April 8th, at Toronto's Loew's Theater, Yonge at Queen, stars Kirk Douglas and Senta Berger.

PICASSO IN TEL AVIV

One-hundred-fifty works by Picasso recently have been transferred under heavy police protection from the Tel Aviv Museum to Jerusalem. The paintings, insured for $7 million, are on display at the Israel Museum with sixty graphic works by the artist.

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NEWS EDITOR TO ADDRESS THE HABONIM

M. J. Nurenberger, editor and publisher of The Canadian Jewish News, will be guest speaker at a meeting of Congregation Habonim of Toronto Inc., Wednesday, April 13th, 8:30 p.m., at Judea Brotherhood Temple. Topic: The Jewish Press, Its History and Present Role.

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HELEN SUZMAN

A DAPPER WOMAN DISAPPOINTS BIGOTS

The reelection last Thursday of Helen Suzman of South Africa with a larger majority than before has proven once again that Jews do not vote according to the leadership of their own Establishment; they follow their conscience and elect those whom they consider their representative.

Today Helen Suzman probably is the most outstanding Jewish woman anywhere. A wife, mother and typical suburban matron in the golden ghetto of Johannesburg, she rose above the usual interests and class consciousness of her parish to become in the South African parliament the only voice openly, publicly, consistently fighting apartheid.

This brave woman recently was criticized by "official" Jewish organizations in South Africa for her anti-apartheid policy. Furthermore an American rabbi who serves as spiritual leader in her neighborhood synagogue and who openly dared express sympathy with her historic role in South African politics was threatened with dismissal by the Jewish leadership. Nevertheless he rejected this interference in matters of his conscience.

Last week Helen Suzman proved to the Establishment that, even in her riding of wealthy Jewish middle and upper class, her courageous stand won the endorsement of the people.

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All prophets and polsters were wrong. Even the New York Times expert who had predicted that Helen Suzman's lonely voice in the South African House of Assembly would be stilled in this election turned out to be mistaken.

Despite the landslide victory for Hendrik Vervoerd and his Nationalist racialist party, Helen Suzman won her white riding for the cause of coexistence with the South African Negro.

This perhaps is the most outstanding feature of last week's election in South Africa. Many Whites today may resent Helen Suzman's gallant fight for the Negro; however the day may come—sooner than we think—when the white African will need her and her ilk to help prepare a readjustment of the relations between White and Black in order to avoid a bloody "solution" of the problem.

Jews everywhere are proud of Helen Suzman. She is a true descendant of the People of Prophets.

ISRAELI HUMOR:
"I think he wants to sell us a tree to be planted in our name in Brooklyn."

Signature

KEEP SMILING

WRONG AFFAIR

Two old friends ran into each other on the avenue.

Darling, you look wonderful! What are you doing with yourself?

"Oh, I'm having an affair!"

Congratulations! Who's the caterer?"

WHY NOT?

An elderly Jewish gentleman witnessed an automobile accident. He was called as a witness at the trial.

The prosecutor asked him, "Did you see the accident in question?"

"So how could I not see it? Wasn't I there?"

"Were you walking in the street at the time?"

"Well, was I maybe flying?"

"Do you think the defendant was at fault?"

"Who then, me, maybe?"

The annoyed judge interrupted the cross-examination and said to the witness, "Why do you answer every question with another question?"

"So, why not?"

SOME BILL

The wife sat at her desk balancing the family chequebook while her husband reclined in his favorite chair reading the newspaper.

He looked up and said, "By the way, what do you think of the Taft-Hartley bill?"

"I'll check it and, if we owe it, I'll pay it!"

interview with ben gurion

"IDEALISM IS NOT DEAD"

By FRANCIS OFNER

The former Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, rejects the widely voiced allegation that idealism has declined in Israel. He holds the view that the reservoir of public selflessness has not only been exhausted, it has not even been sufficiently tapped.

He told your correspondent:

"I know from my own experience in this country, which goes back 60 years, that the pioneering capacity of the nation has not decreased. The supreme proof of this lies in the exploits and spirit of the Israel Defence Forces".

The former Premier cited as additional proof of the continuing existence of idealism in Israel, "the increase in the number of kibbutzim and their membership, as well as the growth of institutions of higher learning and the rise in their standards from year to year".

Reminded of the wave of recent strikes and the lack of labour discipline, on one hand, and of the constant jockeying for power and worshipping of materialism, on the other, Mr. Ben-Gurion who started life in Palestine as an ordinary farm labourer, replied: "Our society exhibits negative aspects, too, of course, just as even the best person also has some short-comings".

GLOBAL RELATIONS

As for the question of peace between Israel and her neighbours, this "depends more on global relations — between the Soviet Union and the U.S.A., as well as between the Soviet Union and China — than on internal relationships in the Middle East". Other potent factors in achieving peace in the region were the unification of Europe and the stopping of largescale supplies of arms to the Middle East, Mr. Ben-Gurion said.

He does not believe that territorial concessions are likely to bring peace closer. "There is no possibility of Middle East peace — or for peace elsewhere in the world — except on the basis of the status quo", the elder statesman declared.

Asked about his evaluation of Israel's present defence situation, Mr. Ben-Gurion replied: "Israel's security position has not deteriorated in recent times, but the desire to annihilate Israel by the Arab rulers closest to us — Egypt, Syria, Iraq — has not decreased either". Nor had "their fear of the Israel Defence Forces", he added.

Commenting on the forthcoming visit to Israel (scheduled for May) by West Germany's ex-Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, Mr. Ben-Gurion thought that "on the whole, this will be a positive event".

MODERN GERMANY DIFFERENT

Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed that in his view, "the Germany of today is not the Germany of Hitler". The difference lay not only in the character of the regime, but also in the "geopolitical transformation" that had taken place in Western Europe and the world.

Whether West Germany was pro or anti-Israel was not a matter to be treated with indifference, said the ex-Premier. If she became hostile — and this was possible without being Nazi, as the case of India had shown — Germany could damage the friendship for Israel of West European countries and even of the U.S.A.

Mr. Ben-Gurion also recalled that West Germany had recognised German's guilt and responsibility for Hitler's atrocities and had started paying compensation to the victims, while Communist East Germany refused to make any restitution whatever.

Turning to some of Israel's internal problems, Mr. Ben-Gurion expressed the belief that, in matters of religion, the principles laid down by Israel's first elected Government in 1949, which he headed, would continue to serve as guide lines. These were, first, that the State should meet the religious needs of all communities and, secondly, that there should be freedom of conscience coupled with the prevention of religious coercion.

"Marriage and divorce will continue to be governed by halachic law for quite a long time", Mr. Ben-Gurion predicted, "but the State will remain a secular State and not become a halachic one". He added: "The Orthodox have been a minority for the past 60 years. They will remain one in future, too".

Speaking of his vision of Israel in the years ahead, Mr. Ben-Gurion repeated his earlier statements that the closing of the cultural and economic gap between Israelis of European and those of African or Asian origin must be one of Israel's principal tasks. Also important was the attraction of the "élite" from prosperous Western countries, the settlement of the Negev, trade with Afro-Asian countries and the struggle to achieve economic independence.

they live according to the bible

OBSERVERS OF SABBATICAL YEAR

By DAVID GROSS,
our correspondent in Jerusalem

Driving from Jerusalem to Ramle, one comes to a turning just before the former Arab town, which doubles back to the right. It seems to lead only to a cement works, but, in fact, it opens up a wide expanse of country rarely explored even by veteran Israelis, for it is part of the original highway from the coast to Jerusalem across the Valley of Ayalon, cut when Transjordanian forces occupied the Latrun district during Israel's War of Independence 18 years ago.

The Valley of Ayalon was the scene of the Maccabee's first major victory. Earlier, Joshua commanded the moon to stay its course there until he had vanquished the Amorites. Now, religious settlers tend the soil there, for this is the Poale Agudat Israel kibbutz of Shaalvim.

Since 5726 is a shemita (sabbatical) year the land must not be worked. Spurning the easy way out taken by Poalei Mizrachi settlers, who "sell" their land in shemita years so that it is no longer "their" land that is being worked, the members of Shaalvim will do no ploughing throughout the year from last Rosh Hashana until the coming one.

However, the land does not lie fallow. The commandment to rest applies to man, not soil, they explain, so the settlers of Shaalvim observe the ban on creation from the soil, but do not abstain from work that preserves its bounty.

SPRAYING ALLOWED

Thus they hasten to sow their winter crops before Rosh Hashana on as large an area as possible, so that, in fact, only some 7 per cent of their grain land remains unsown. Spraying with insecticides is carried out because this preserves the crop, but no fertilising is done during the shemita year, as this would increase the yield —a work of creation.

Of course, no trees or vines are planted, but vineyards and orchards are tended. Shaalvim introduced biennial cotton into Israel. This produces a second year's crop by itself, so it is planted at Shaalvim in the year preceding the shemita year, thus producing a cotton crop without having been sown during the forbidden period.

Rabbi Meir Schlesinger, the settlement's rabbi, who is the son of Dr. Falk Schlesinger, the director of the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, has made a special study of the mitzvot connected with farming and trading, which can be observed only in the Land of Israel.

The kibbutz itself is dedicated to this topic and its members direct a special department of the Government's Volkani Agricultural Research Institute. The "Mitzvot of the Land" also occupy a large part of the curriculum of the kibbutz yeshiva, directed by Rabbi Schlesinger. It is the only yeshiva which is part of a kibbutz.

This yeshiva, established in 1961, now has 60 students in five classes, each with its own rabbinical teacher. The boys, aged 14-18, come mainly from Jerusalem, but some come especially from abroad, including Raphael Breuer, from Golders Green.

The yeshiva also has a senior section whose members are available for military duty. One group of 18-year-old is, in fact, under direct army control, being allowed to study at Shaalvim as a sort of parallel with the Nahal system, whereby soldiers can be part-time border farmers. These youths at the Shaalvim yeshiva spend a full three-and-a-half months in military training and then continue with their studies, being available at the same time for regular guard duties and other military tasks along the border.

SECULAR STUDIES

The yeshiva's study day lasts ten hours and, in addition, some students proceed with their secular studies in their spare time, with the assistance of the yeshiva teachers. All the students donate 50 days of work a year to the kibbutz. Because of its position, the yeshiva buildings are constructed as defensive positions, each having an underground shelter and reinforced walls.

Shaalvim is affiliated, apparently incongruously, with the Mapai group of kibbutzim, Ihud Hakvutzot ve Hakibbutzim, not with the religious kibbutz organisation. The reason is that Poale Agudat Israel finds it much easier to agree to disagree with avowed secularists on matters of faith, and to co-operate in economic matters, than to be constantly haggling over the niceties of halachic interpretation with those who would dispute who is holier than whom.

letters to the editor

THE FACTS VS. THEORY: LABOR ZIONISTS AND UJA

Dear Editor,

When Mr. Morgenstern in his letter to the editor (The Canadian Jewish News, March 25th) waxes indignant at your suggestion that the Farband Labour Zionist Order is somewhat less than concientious in its support of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, I am afraid that he is generating more heat than enlightenment on the subject. Whereas he makes a blanket statement that "its (the Farband) efforts on behalf of all communal needs, Jewish education, U.J.A., J.N.F., Bond drives, and many other projects, etc., etc.,' a thorough evaluation of what is meant by "its efforts' is in order.

I do not question the devotion of the Farband and its affiliated groups to the Bialik Day School and its after-hour school, and they are to be commended for the support which they have brought to bear, to establish and maintain this educational system.

As to the Farband's support of the Israel Bond Campaign, here no one can fault the organization for not purchasing Bonds in large amounts, although I would ask Mr. Morgenstern to bear in mind that the purchase of Israel Bonds cannot in any way be regarded as charitable giving. A Bond purchased is an investment with returns for which the purchaser need not be lauded as a benefactor of humanity.

I would venture to say that the Labour Zionist Organization has among its members some who contribute, through the course of a year, two dollars or more towards the purchase of trees, and probably has branches which may from time to time, make contributions of $100 for the purchase of Golden Book Certificates. For this, too, they deserve credit.

When Mr. Morgenstern, however, defends the record of his organization, in its devotion to the U.J.A., I believe that he stands on rather shaky ground. I do not refer to those members of his organization who, by virtue of belonging to a professional or trade category, are canvassed within their trade grouping. I am referring to the vast majority of Farband members who are either non-contributors to the Jewish community's major fund-raising effort, or, who at best are nominal contributors, and who, I know from experience, reward the volunteer canvasser with a one or two dollar bill.

I venture to say that the average gift of the Farband member, as is, unfortunately, the case with B'nai B'rith and Synagogue memberships, would be no more than $5.00. Let Mr. Morgenstern take the trouble to check his records, and I am prepared to contribute $100 to the Histadrut Campaign if my estimate is proven wrong.

If I am correct in my diagnosis, then let him and his officers engage in some soul searching to justify an average gift of ten cents per week which is earmarked for the United Israel Appeal, United Jewish Relief Agencies, ORT, HIAS, World Jewish Congress, Canadian Jewish Congress, subsidies to local Talmud Torahs, Jewish Public Library, Hillel Foundation, and a host of others.

No one is questioning the right of members of any Jewish communal organization to subscribe or not to subscribe to Toronto's **major** charitable fund-raising drive. However, when a spokesman for one of these organizations hints that the contributions of his constituents are occasionally "overlooked" by the major drives, let him first make certain that his generalities and platitudes do not serve to obscure the truth of the situation.

Sincerely,

Toronto

MAX HOFFMAN

THE NOT-SO-RICH AND PESACH

Dear Editor:

Reading Mrs. Ada London's Letter to the Editor (The Canadian Jewish News, April 1st) about Passover for the not-so-rich, I fully agree with her about her complaints against the Jewish community institutions for not stopping those sky high prices on Passover foods.

It really is "hard to be a Jew." Why should merchants allow such prices even if they have to spend for a *hechsher* to the rabbi?

I don't agree with her, that she'll have to give up her devotion to be a traditional Jew. All in all, however, she deserves much credit and recognition, at least for expressing her sorrow for what goes on nowadays concerning poor people's existence.

I say, *a mazal oif ihr kop* (luck on her head), good luck to her for a very fine letter.

Toronto

S. Pushkoff

The Cohen Affaire

JERUSALEM, (JCNS) — An Agudist member, Shlomo Gross, tabled in the Knesset a question concerning the marriage of Justice Haim Cohen in New York recently. **Hamodia** declared that the marriage had "damaged his status as a judge and belittled the value of law in the eyes of citizens". **Shearim**, another organ of Orthodoxy, called it "a circumvention of the law".

The rabbinical authorities here have so far declined to comment on the matter. Orthodox laymen say it is not clear whether the ban on a Cohen marrying a divorcée still applies when the divorcée has already re-married and been widowed, as in the case with Mrs. Michal Smoira-Roll-Cohen.

Obtained "Psak Din"

NEW YORK, (JCNS) — Rabbi Dr. Edward Sandrow, who officiated at the marriage, told the JCNS that he regrets having done so — but only because he is President of the New York Board of Rabbis, which is composed of all three religious movements in America, and he would not want to embarrass his Orthodox colleagues by anything he might do.

Dr. Sandrow, who is a Conservative rabbi, a former president of the Rabbinical Assembly, and spiritual leader of a congregation in Long Island, performed the marriage ceremony for Justice Cohen, who is here as a delegate to the Human Rights Commission and also as an Israeli music critic.

Dr. Sandrow told the JCNS that he has a **psak din** — a legal directive — signed by three rabbis of the Beth Din in Israel, Rabbis Aronberg, Kaplan and Tzioni, stating that in such circumstances a woman is to be considered as a widow. Other interpretations of halakha, however, indicate that a woman even in the state of widowhood does not lose the status of a divorcée.

A Rabbinical Assembly responsum declares, however, that a Cohen can marry a divorcée if he renounces the priesthood for himself and his heirs, and this Justice Cohen has offered to do.

It is learned that he offered to resign his judgeship, but his colleagues in the High Court, including the Orthodox, urged him against taking this step.

SERMON FOR PASSOVER

CHALLENGE OF FREEDOM

Passover does not commemorate merely the past.

History is relevant only if it is charged with a message for the present; ceremonial is justified only if its symbolism is vibrant with contemporary meaning; memory may disturb the dead only if it carries an irresistible challenge for the living.

Bondage is multi-faceted. The annals of mankind—of Gentile no less than of Jew—show beyond doubt that physical chains are the most fragile, and that revolution eventually deals effectively with political and economic fetters. The hardest shackles to sunder are those that bind the human spirit. When a man (or a people) is loath to liberate himself, to be himself, to accept the burdens of creativity—then his state is truly parlous.

Such a man walks in the valley of the shadow of inevitable extinction, uncompassionated even by Heaven. For primarily freedom means self-liberation; it is an existential affirmation of life; the human spirit becomes radiant with the Divine image and Genesis is re-enacted on the human plane with a Heaven-inspired fiat.

These are the eternal truths of Passover. They are writ large, in letters of fire, in every epoch of our annals. More recently, Jewish history has composed a new commentary on the abiding significance of Passover and its immortal theme of freedom—a commentary that plumbs the matter to its depths.

The Ghetto and Pale of Settlement held us captive. Emancipation ultimately severed the chains of our political and economic subjection, yet subsequently forged fresh, less palpable, but none the less real, bonds of servitude out of the stresses of assimilation, the creeping death of spiritual paralysis.

Then came Zionism to the rescue; a flaming nationalism brought renaissance, redemption, to the moribund Jewries of the Diaspora. It reached its climax in the miracle of the establishment of the Jewish State.

Is the danger over?

No! Survival has no absolute victories; only continuing struggle. The Diaspora is still imperilled. It is threatened by dangers greater than those that menace embattled Israel. Drift, indifference, and lack of true leadership combine to form a melancholy situation of Jewish decline.

And the old, heartrending question of Ezekiel in our Haftara rings again, with alarming urgency, through the highways and byways of Jewish Galut life:

"Son of man, can these bones live"?

An unabated process of soul-erosion has enlarged theValley of Dry Bones to global dimensions.

And yet there are overtones of hope. A sound of celestial music, a melody of solacing promise, pervades the Jewish soul on Passover. The Song of Songs sings to us again those healing words: "I sleep, but my heart waketh". Deep down the Jewish heart, even in the most assimilated Jew, is aquiver with a nucleus of Jewish life and sentiment and nostalgic yearning for Judaism.

There is still a glow of sacred fire amidst the dying embers. The prophetic assurance still peals forth from on high:

"I will cause breath to enter into you and ye shall live".

The spark is there; only the fanning breath of a new dynamic leadership is needed.

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CO-CHAIRMEN: Mrs. Fred Weinberg (right) and Mr. Ralph Milrod (left) have been named co-chairmen of the Twentieth Century Jewish Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club and Sisterhood, to be held from May 2nd to May 5th in the Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The exhibition will feature a group of lithographs by the famous Russian artist Anatoli Kaplan based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem. In addition the work of Israeli artists will be exhibited.

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ACTRESS TOO

Emma Levine of Emma Levine Fashions will perform in the Central Ontario Drama Festival.

LUNCHEON

A luncheon meeting of Minnie Etlin Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, was held recently at the home of Mrs. Senders. Mrs. Jack Tarshis presided.

Mrs. Max Kurtz distributed tickets for a theater night. Mrs. Jack Ross delivered a report of her recent visit to Israel. Mrs. Kate Devor discussed the national board meeting held in Montreal.

The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Harry Bregman and Frank Hiltz.

Next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Jack Tarshis.

HONORED

The following women honored recently at a luncheon of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue because of their contributions to the Combined Campaign: Mesdames M. Bornstein, R. Chernin, S. Cohn, G. Foxman, P. Gangbar, S. Gold, L. Goldberg, M. Goldenberg, H. Goldenberg, S. Goldenberg, A. Gould, A. Goodman, M. Grosbein, I. Inwentash, I. Kasdan, J. Kelman, E. Kideckel, N. Korman, L. Lefko, A. Lerman, H. Phillips, I. Plotkin, S. Richmond, P. Rothman, J. Segal, B. Shifman, P. Shulman, D. Zweig, J. Weis, H. Lyons, M. Okerent, Mary Clarfield, D. Anisman, J. Frimet, W. Wasserman, B. Faust, L. Jacobs, S. Miller.

APPOINTED

Mrs. Percy Dolgoff has been appointed national chairman of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada Hebrew University Portfolio, as was announced by Mrs. Charles Eisenstat, national president. Hitherto she has served as secretary of Toronto Hadassah, advisor to Junior Hadassah and membership chairman, vice president and president of Toronto Hadassah Council. In 1962 she was elected national corresponding secretary for Hadassah-WIZO and held office till January, 1966.

DINNER

Adath Israel Sisterhood will hold its annual dinner Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Mrs. Henry Rosenberg, president of sisterhood, and Mrs. Samuel Taft, chairman of donor committee, will receive the guests.

Dinner committee consists of Mesdames Henry Rosenberg (advisor), Joe Bass, Bernard Kaplan, David Silverman, Harry Solomon (advisors), Abraham Stoller (year book), Robert Kay (advisor to year book), Joseph Grossman (registrar), Edward Morrison (financial secretary), Arnold Weinberg (telephone contact), Morris Garber, Ben Orvitz (vice, telephone), Sam Sugarman (our children), Donald Rosenberg (treasurer), David Blackman (raffle chairman), Ronald Carbell, Jack Chapman (vice, raffle), Al Collis, (secretary), Lou Eisenstat (project), Philip Ely (awards), Sydney Gladstone (honor roll), Min Taft, Sam Shain (publicity), Samuel Levinoff (external publicity), Gert Wainberg (publications), Ben Abbott, Harry Bruner (contact), Harry Pollock (program), Sydney Silverman, Ronald Bryne (aarangements), Jack Wayne (categorizing), Harry Levine, Sydney Starkman (reservations), Alex Tobias, Arnold Naiman (Visual aids), Max Scher, Terry T. Warren (light bulbs), Norman Trachter ((hose controller), Sam Sherman, Irwin Frohman, Lou Greenspoon, M. Price (hose depots), Sam Solomon (pews).

Awards will be presented to sisterhood members who have reached the various plateau in their donor efforts.

A musical written and directed by Mrs. Harry Pollock will be presented by sisterhood players.

EXECUTIVE MEET

Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood held an executive meeting on March 9th. Mrs. Harry Magder, president, presided. Mrs. Bernard Rosensweig, chaplain, spoke on the Bimah.

Mrs. Norman Rasky introduced Rabbi Rosensweig who discussed: A Jewish Disaster .

Brotherhood and husbands were guests. Mrs. Norman Rasky will be chairman of the Sisterhood closing dinner in June. Mrs. Nat Miskin reported on the rummage sale.

MEETING

An executive meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood took place on March 23rd. Mrs. A. Zeldin, 1st vice president, presided.

Mrs. A. Sugar commented on the recently held fashion show. Mesdames Emil Klein and Meyer Zeifman were co-hostesses.

SOCIAL

A social evening was held recently by Bruria Chapter, Mizrachi, at 86 Vaughan Road. Mrs. S. A. Abella was hostess. Rebbetzin Langner spoke about Purim. Mrs. J. U. Applebaum, president, discussed a tea which will be held this April 24th at the home of Mrs. S. Feldman. Mrs. I. Kelner, ad book convenor, reported.

EXECUTIVE MEET

Bruria Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, held an executive meeting recently at the home of Mrs. J. U. Applebaum, president. Fundraising projects and resolutions concerning future policies were discussed. At a further luncheon meeting in Mrs. Applebaum's home, the resolutions were drafted.

Mesdames Halberstadt, J. U. Applebaum, Feldman Gerther, Goldfinger became Mothers in Israel. A gift presented by Mrs. H. L. Federman was raffled and won by Mrs. Kelner. Mrs. Applebaum congratulated Mrs. C. Weinberg and Mrs. Felsen on the mitzvah of their grandson. Mrs. Abella presented Mrs. C. Weinberg with a certificate for a tree in Israel on the occasion of the bar mitzvah of her grandson.

PET EXPRESSION

By Ruthie

Of all the expressions Mama used to come out with, the one that always had the most effect was, "A slap in the face you won't get."

No matter how shy you were, no matter how reluctant you were about doing something, if you thought of that phrase, you already felt better.

* * *

Remember the first time you went around soliciting ads for your organization's donor dinner? Of course it was for a good cause; you wouldn't bother otherwise.

No matter how you rationalized, though, you had a funny feeling in the pit of your stomach. What if someone slammed the door in your face? You couldn't take that.

But then you thought: So what! A slap in the face you won't get.

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Don't you love it when your friends tell you about their bargains? Somehow they're always able to chew down a storekeeper on his price—so they say. Whatever you have, they can get cheaper.

You wonder how they do it. I guess it has to be in your blood. Some people can argue about a penny for hours, others can't.

But one day you promise yourself, you'll try. After all, a slap in the face you won't get.

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How about the time you got your first evening gown? You talked yourself in you wanted black; it was sophisticated.

NU, Mama could DRAY AHERR OON AHIN (turn here and there), it didn't help. It had to be black. And some alterations!

So when Papa took a look at it! NU, NU!

"Black! Take it back. No daughter of mine will wear black while I'm alive!"

What could poor Mama do? She'll ask for an exchange. What terrible thing could happen? A slap in the face she won't get.

And you got another dress—yellow.

* * *

Have you ever found yourself in a strange group and the discussion centered on something towards which you felt you could make a contribution? But who knew you? Your first thought was to cringe further into your own timid shell. But then you wondered: If you didn't speak up, who then? How would they know you could do something?

So you swallowed hard and figured, a slap in the face you won't get.

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Of course, we'd like a final end to war. But who'd have such KHOOTZPA (nerve) to take things into his own hands?

I bet Abie Nathan said, "I'll try. All I can do is maybe get killed. But a slap in the face I won't get."

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TORONTO PREPARING FOR ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

Heartened by the considerable progress which has been made during the preliminary phase of the 1966 United Jewish Appeal campaign in the past few months, the Annual Keynote function which marks the official opening of the campaign will take place on Monday, April 25th at 8:15 p.m. in Massey Hall, and will be the highlight of the community-wide celebration of the 18th Anniversary of the rebirth of the State of Israel.

Marking the 18th birthday of the young democracy, symbolically the year of "HAI" — the year of life — and encouraged by the response to date which brings the results of the cards covered during the first three months of 1966 to 25% ahead of last year, the leaders of the campaign are confident that they will achieve the record goal of $3,468,000 this year.

Morris B. Kaufman, Campaign Chairman, stressed the achievements of the various divisions and paid tribute to the chairmen and committees of each division for the progress which would have been impossible without their tireless efforts to canvass more than 9,000 prospects to date. Mr. Kaufman stressed, however, the urgency of covering the balance of more than 10,000 prospective contributors to assure the successful culmination of the campaign.

As long as the need continues for aid to local Jewish agencies and assistance to Israel, as long as cards remain unsolicited, as long as the Jewish community of Toronto shows a desire to co-operate and contribute when approached, we dare not relax in our efforts, continued Mr. Kaufman.

In analyzing the results thus far in the 1966 U.J.A. Campaign, the Chairman paid particular tribute to the Women's Division under the leadership of Mrs. Wilferd Gordon for having brought in the largest number of new gifts — half of the total new gifts for the Campaign. The women are keeping pace with the growth of the campaign generally, and are already almost 20% ahead of last year.

Of more than 1500 new contributors in the past three months, a large proportion came from the synagogues, B'nai B'rith, the Sephardic Jewish community, the Hungarian Association of Jews in Toronto, and from such Trades as the Furniture and Automotive Divisions.

One of the highlights of the past week, according to the Campaign Chairman, was the Blitz sponsored by the Construction Division, where some 50 men started with breakfast and continued canvassing their cards throughout the day. The Co-Chairmen are Joseph Berman, Ephraim Diamond, Abraham Green and Albert Latner.

The Automotive Division, Mr. Kaufman pointed out, is already about 75% ahead of last year and the members of the Committee under the chairmanship of Howard Himel, Nathan Hurwich and Joseph Lunenfeld are still busy visiting their prospects.

Almost 100 new "givers" were discovered by the leadership of the Furniture Division which was one of the first groups to start this year's campaign. Mr. Cecil Yolles is the Chairman.

Mr. Kaufman expressed pleasure with the results of the Heavy Industry Division which is being led by Mr. Murray Rotblott.

Among the best percentage results of improvement is shown by the synagogues under the chairmanship of John R. Devor, assisted by Morris Ackerman, Kurt Rothschild and Morris Rubenstein. This new area of activity is recruiting hundreds of first-time contributors. Although in most cases the gift is less than $100, in some cases it reaches as high as $1,000. It is expected to enrol a few thousand new participants from the Synagogues in the 1966 campaign.

Of interest to the leadership of the Campaign is the fact that the new Canadians — many of whom are here less than 10 years — are already playing an important part in the campaign. The Hungarian Jews, under the guidance of Armin Weiss conducted two Telethons and are responsible for a few hundred gifts showing an increase of about 20% over last year. The Sephardic community, led by Maurice Benzecar and Moses Benmergui, held a breakfast meeting where every one of the hundred people who attended made a contribution to the campaign. The committee is following up those who were not present at that meeting.

Mr. Kaufman stressed the significance of the large number of givers — particularly the increasing number of first-time donors — over and above the money-value of these gifts. The vast army of volunteers and supporters proved that the program and the message of the U.J.A. are understood by the community, and that the spirit of partnership is being strengthened by all segments of Toronto Jewry.

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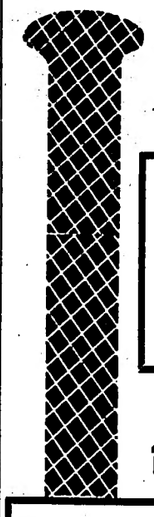

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